

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kimton N. Eng on 12/10/09.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a reissue of United States Patent No. 5,983,314, issued November 9, 1999. More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of Patent No. 5,983,314. The reissue applications are application numbers 10/006,785 and 10/460,813. Application No. 10/460,813 is a divisional reissue application of Application No. 10/006,785, now abandoned.--

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Denise Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-

4189. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday, and an alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald Bragdon can be reached on (571) 272-4204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Denise Tran/
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